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I would like to take this opportunity to address one of the reasons I believe the Proposed Final Judgement is insufficient. Even though the "Findings of Fact" paragraph 20 and 39 indicate that the fact that the file formats used by Microsoft applications are undocumented constitutes a barrier to entry, there is nothing in the PFJ that obligates the documentation of these formats. This leads to a requirement that to communicate within a workplace, if a significant number of people are using Microsoft applications, that everyone must use them, and must therefore use Microsoft operating systems. Microsoft thus uses their monopoly to leverage further application sales. As this is not addressed in the PFJ, the PFJ is therefore insufficient.

The opinions expressed are my own, and not necessarily those of either Lincoln Laboratory or the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

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